



1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 45

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1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to ensure that the federal government will
2 accept civilian spent nuclear fuel on January 31, 1998.

3 Whereas, under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 [42 USC 10222 (a) (5)],
4 the federal government entered into contracts with electric utilities, including
5 electric utilities in Wisconsin, that provide that following the commencement of
6 operation of a permanent federal repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive
7 waste and spent nuclear fuel, the U.S. secretary of energy shall take title to spent
8 nuclear fuel from civilian nuclear power reactors as expeditiously as practicable
9 upon request of the fuel's owner and, beginning no later than January 31, 1998, will
10 dispose of the spent nuclear fuel in return for payment of fees to the nuclear waste
11 fund; and

12 Whereas, electric utilities owning nuclear power plants in Wisconsin have
13 collected over \$240,000,000 to date from Wisconsin ratepayers for the required
14 payment of fees to the nuclear waste fund; and

15 Whereas, the federal department of energy has repeatedly delayed the
16 projected opening date for the federal nuclear waste repository and is now projecting
17 that the date will be after the year 2010 under the most optimistic assumptions; and

